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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-7050-N-28; OMB Control No.: 2501-0033]

30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection:

Promise Zones Certification

AGENCY: Office of Policy Development and Research, Chief Data Officer, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The proposed information collection requirement described below will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act. The Department is soliciting public comments on the subject proposal.

DATES: Comments Due Date: **[Insert date that is 30 days after the date of publication in the Federal Register.]**

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal.

Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB Control Number and should be sent to: HUD Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503; fax: 202-395-5806. Email: OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov. Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Anna P. Guido, Reports Management Officer, REE, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20410; e-mail her at Anna.P.Guido@hud.gov or telephone 202-402-5535. This is not a toll-free number.

Copies of available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Ms. Guido.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice informs the public that HUD has submitted to OMB a request for approval of the information collection described in Section A. The **Federal Register** notice that solicited public comment on the information collection for a period of 60 days was published on May 23, 2022, at 87 FR 31258.

A. Overview of Information Collection

Title of Information Collection: Promise Zones Certification.

OMB Approval Number: 2501-0033.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Form Number: HUD Form 50153.

Description of the need for the information and proposed use: This collection is a revision of the Promise Zone Preference Point Certification Form (HUD Form 50153). The revisions to the form include the addition of a Paperwork Reduction Act burden statement; the addition of drop-down options to two of the information fields in the form, which will result in less typing for the applicant and fewer typos; the addition of HUD's agency name to the top of the form; and the addition of descriptions to interactive fields to ensure 508 compliance. The Promise Zone Certification Form is used by federal agencies to document that an application or proposal should receive preferences for certain competitive federal programs and technical assistance. The Certification Form should be submitted by organizations applying for federal assistance, in the specific manner described in notices, application materials and other documents, providing instructions on applying for the specific federal program from which the assistance is sought. The Certification Form should be signed by the primary contact of the Lead Organization of a designated Promise Zones community, an individual authorized to make commitments on behalf of and legally bind the Lead Organization. The Certification Form provides evidence to the federal agency administering the program that the entity or entities named in the Form are:

1. Engaged in activities, that in consultation with the Promise Zone lead organization further the purposes of the initiative; 2. Proposing activities that either directly reflect the goals of the Promise Zone or will result in the delivery of services that are consistent with the goals of Promise Zone; and 3. Committed to maintain an on-going relationship with the Promise Zone lead organization for the purposes of coordinating with other Promise Zone activities, reporting on milestones and outcomes, and collaborating with the lead organization and other Promise Zone organizations in securing additional resources and partnerships, as necessary.

HUD designated fourteen communities as urban Promise Zones between 2014 and 2016. Under the Promise Zones initiative, the federal government invests in and partners with high-poverty urban, rural, and tribal communities to create jobs, increase economic activity, improve educational opportunities, leverage private investment, and reduce violent crime. Additional information about the Promise Zones initiative can be found at

https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/field_policy_mgt/fieldpolicymgtpz, and questions can be addressed to promiszone@hud.gov. The federal administrative duties pertaining to these designations shall be managed and executed by HUD for ten years from the designation dates pursuant to sections 2 and 3 of the HUD Act, 42 U.S.C. § 3531-32, to assist the President in achieving maximum coordination of the various federal activities which have a major effect upon urban community, suburban, or metropolitan development; to develop and recommend the President policies for fostering orderly growth and development of the Nation's urban areas; and to exercise leadership, at the direction of the President, in coordinating federal activities affecting housing and urban development. To facilitate communication between local and federal partners, HUD proposes that Promise Zone Lead Organizations submit minimal reports and documents to support collaboration and problem solving between local and federal partners. These reports will also assist in communications and stakeholder engagement, both locally and nationally.

Information Collection	Number of Respondents	Frequency of Response	Responses Per Annum	Burden Hour Per Response	Annual Burden Hours	Hourly Cost Per Response	Annual Cost
Certification of Consistency Form HUD – 50153	14	6	84	0.1	8.4	\$36.13	\$303.50
Total							\$303.50

B. Solicitation of Public Comment

This notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected parties concerning the collection of information described in Section A on the following:

- (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- (2) If the information will be processed and used in a timely manner;
- (3) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information;
- (4) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- (5) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond; including through the use of appropriate automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

HUD encourages interested parties to submit comment in response to these questions.

C. Authority: Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35.

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